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## PORTLAND PEOPLE SECURE LIME KILN

WILL INSTALL MODERN PLANT  
ON CHENEY CREEK.

## TO MANUFACTURE CEMENT

Will Later Build Railroad Unless  
Southern Pacific Builds  
Toward the Coast.

Portland capitalists, who will later organize a corporation to be known as The Rogue River Lime company, have taken over the limestone quarry belonging to the Grants Pass Marble and Lime company, and will create a modern plant at the site of the quarry, on Cheney creek, 12 miles southwest from Grants Pass. The quarry was operated in a small way at times by the owners, who were J. E. Virden, Claus Schmidt, Grants Pass; B. F. Bull, Wilderville; and J. E. Chappell and Almond Baker, Goldendale, Wash. One of the interested Portland men is S. B. Gorbett, and who is the manager for the new company. Mr. Gorbett on Monday stated to The Courier that his people will erect a modern plant with a daily capacity at present of 10 to 12 tons, later to increase the plant; and it is expected that increases in capacity will come often during the years.

The company will turn out a fine quality of lime, later to manufacture the hydrated article and lime fertilizer.

The plant will begin with a crew of 10 men, and plans are to soon put in a cement factory in addition to the other productions. The tract, which contains 640 acres, affords limestone, shale and clay, all ingredients needed in the manufacture of cement.

If the Southern Pacific builds into Illinois valley the line will run within a mile or mile and a half from the plant.

It was stated today that the Riggs-Lucas company had offered the "remains" of the late lamented railroad to the lime company; and if the Southern Pacific does not soon get busy the Portland people may take over the line and build a road.

The industry will grow to be one of the most valuable in Josephine county and the new men and new money have been accorded a pleasing welcome.

## PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO MABEL CROISANT

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Christian church was crowded to its utmost capacity by friends who had come to pay their last tribute to Miss Mabel Croisant, who died under an anaesthetic in the dentist's chair Tuesday last.

Surrounded by a great wealth of fragrant blooms and floral pieces, the remains of this young woman, whose bright life was so suddenly ended, lay wrapped in its last great sleep, and F. M. Brooke, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the rites for the dead.

After the service at the church the casket was carried to the Granite Hill cemetery and lowered to the last resting place. The six pall bearers were Roscoe Bratton, Ray Calvert, Carl Lathrop, Robert Rennie, E. H. Davis and Dr. E. C. Macey.

Miss Mabel Croisant was highly esteemed and beloved by all who knew her, all acquaintances admiring her for her many womanly qualities and her efficiency and tenderness in alleviating the suffering of others, with whom she came in daily contact in her chosen profession.

Miss Croisant is survived by a father and two brothers, one, the twin brother of the dead girl, Henry Croisant being present with the father at the funeral. The other brother, who resides in the east, was not present.

## REMOVAL OF RAILROAD TRESTLE IS NECESSARY

Will the Grants Pass and Rogue River railroad trestle spanning the Rogue in this city go out with a mass of logs, trees and other drift piled high, and rush upon the big steel bridge spanning the stream at Sixth street?

This question is answered in the affirmative by several who have given the matter thought, and it also is the belief of the county court, which tribunal has taken steps to find somebody responsible for the structure, or to find some way to have it removed, though officials of the court admit it will be a difficult matter on which to get action.

County Judge Stephen Jewell today stated that he and the county commissioners have discussed the matter and are now seeking some way by which it is hoped to remove the alleged menace to the big steel bridge. Judge Jewell stated it as his opinion that when the river begins to rise that drift, which will naturally pile up against the trestle, will grow into a formidable mass, or in other words create a dam, and a high one, and that when the flood waters rise sufficiently high, that the whole mountain mass will be swept down against the Sixth street bridge. In the opinion of the county judge this mass of timber will not sweep out the big bridge, but that it will damage the structure, and possibly seriously, he believes.

The opinion was also expressed by Judge Jewell that before the trestle and mass of drift goes out, that the dam thus created may be sufficient to cause the nearby lands to be overflowed.

It was given out last spring by the railroad promoters that the trestle would be superseded by a steel bridge before winter, but as the proposed road did not materialize, nothing more was ever done regarding a steel bridge, and the temporary trestle still stands, and a menace to the county bridge.

The opinion was expressed today that if the wooden structure goes out that the mass of trees, logs and other stuff, together with the trestle timbers, will be piled so high against the steel bridge that high water may be thrown over the floor of the county structure.

## PRESIDENT OF ALBANY COLLEGE VISITS CITY

Dr. Crooks, president of Albany college, the Presbyterian school of Oregon, was in Grants Pass Tuesday and today in the interest of that institution.

James J. Hill has agreed to donate to the school the sum of \$50,000, provided the college authorities raised \$250,000 elsewhere. To secure the quarter of a million and the \$50,000 promised by Mr. Hill, Dr. Crooks has made long tours in the state and to the Atlantic seaboard cities. He hopes to in time secure both prizes. In offering the \$50,000 Mr. Hill stated that he "preferred to give money to the Christian college as they were not turning out dangerous socialists as is the case with the non-sectarian colleges and universities." Just where Mr. Hill would draw the line between a "dangerous socialist" and one not dangerous is not known.

## PARTY STRANDED BY BROKEN AUTO AXLE

J. E. Hair and G. H. Carner were stranded Thursday in Swede basin as a result of a broken auto axle.

The Grants Pass men left the city last Thursday in Mr. Carner's machine and the accident occurred about one-half mile from their destination.

Word was gotten to Fenner's ranch telephone, and the mishap reported to Harley Stonacker, son-in-law of Mr. Carner, and Mr. Stonacker took material to Swede basin for repairs.

Mrs. J. B. Hutchinson and little grandson, Robert McLean, were the guests of Grants Pass friends Monday forenoon and returned on the afternoon train to their home at Woodville.

## WRECKING OF BIPLANE ENDS FOWLER'S FLIGHT

ALTA, Cal., Sept. 12.—Total wreck of the Wright biplane in which he hoped to win a \$50,000 newspaper prize for crossing the continent, today brought Aviator Robert G. Fowler's flight from San Francisco to New York to an inglorious end near this little mountain town. Fowler was injured.

After his successful flight from San Francisco to Auburn yesterday, Fowler was supremely confident today when he started to tune up his machine at Auburn. He had some difficulty in starting from the rough ground on which he landed there, but finally got away at 9:34 a. m. All went well until he reached Colfax, which town he passed at 9:55 a. m. At that time he was 1,000 feet in the air and was making about 55 miles an hour. As Fowler neared Alta station he began to have trouble and, feeling that his rudder was going wrong, he started to volplane toward the earth. Just as he neared the ground the rudder went entirely wrong and the machine crashed down on a hillside a short distance from the Southern Pacific station, piling itself up in a mass of splintered wood, twisted iron and rent canvas. Fowler leaped from the saddle of the flyer just as it struck the earth and, except for a few minor bruises, was uninjured. He was much disappointed at the unlucky termination of his flight, but rejoiced to learn that his engine was only slightly damaged.

The aviator refused to state positively when he would make an effort to continue his flight, but declared himself undaunted by his mishap and declared that, despite the handicap he had suffered, he would still be the first to cross the continent through the air.

## SCHOOL FACILITIES ARE BETTER; ROLL INCREASES

From Monday's Daily.

Grammar schools and the high school of Grants Pass opened today, the high school students flocking to the new and imposing building.

This afternoon Superintendent R. R. Turner, on inquiry by The Courier, reported a total attendance in the city on this first day as 790. Figures for the first day last year were 715; high school attendance today was 170; last year 132.

Prof. Turner stated that within a brief time he can have many facts and figures at his command, which will be published by The Courier. Many persons visited the new high school building Sunday, and were pleased to view the beautiful exterior and interior.

The assembly room is especially attractive, with the domestic science rooms and equipment causing much interest.

The old high school building is now used for the eighth grade pupils and others, and will relieve the congestion heretofore existing.

## Mrs. G. R. Satchwell Stricken—

Mrs. G. R. Satchwell, who, with her husband and daughter, Mrs. Carl Hoots of Ashland, was spending a vacation period in camp at one of the hop yards down the river, was taken seriously ill with heart trouble Sunday and Dr. Loughbridge was summoned to bring her to her home in this city. Monday evening her condition was not improved and she is still very ill at her home on D street.

Miss Mary Grace Mundinger of this city and Charles B. Neihart of Coulee City, Wash., were united in marriage Wednesday evening, September 13, 1911 at the home of the bride's brother, I. A. Mundinger. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the relatives and a few friends being present to witness the ceremony which was performed by Rev. F. C. Lovett. Miss Mundinger has resided here since last December and has made many friends in this city. The bridegroom is a druggist of Coulee City, Wash., where the young people will reside. They left Thursday morning for a wedding trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles and will go to their home by way of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. Neihart will be at home after October 1.

## CLUB DISCUSSES HOSPITAL MATTER

MOVE ON FOOT TO PROVIDE CITY  
WITH ADEQUATE BUILDING

## DISTRICT FAIR OCTOBER 3

W. M. Richards of Merlin Submitted  
Letters Bearing On Reduction Plant.

The regular monthly meeting of the Grants Pass Commercial club was held in the club rooms Monday night with a good attendance of members and a number of visitors present. The Commercial Club orchestra, which is always a feature of club meetings, was present and furnished high class music.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the secretary's monthly report furnished interesting matter and showed that the club had been responsible for the location in our midst of a poultry farmer and a hot house and nursery business, aside from other important matters.

The secretary announced the arrival of a supply of Bulletin No. 3, entitled "Fruit Raising in Grants Pass and Josephine County." These pamphlets are for free distribution.

A telegraphic invitation was sent to President Taft to speak to the Grants Pass people while passing through this city October 12, on his western tour.

There were reports from a number of committees, among them being the special committee on band, which reported that the necessary amount had been subscribed and the first three months paid in advance.

The Hotel committee reported that they had considered the matter of assisting in the celebration of the opening of the two new hotels.

C. P. Wright of Salem, was present and was given an opportunity to explain a plan of food conservation which is of importance.

The district fair to be held at Medford October 3-6 was brought up and discussed at some length and an effort will be made to secure a creditable exhibit from this section.

The committee appointed to look up the hospital situation submitted a resolution which was accepted and brought forth some discussion which will be productive of results. The present hospital is inadequate to the needs of the city and a plan is under consideration which, when carried out, will provide Grants Pass with a modern hospital building.

W. M. Richards of Merlin, was present and brought up the subject of ore reduction works and submitted correspondence from Frank E. Steffy of Great Falls, Mont., who has under consideration the establishing of such a plant somewhere on the line of the Southern Pacific, either at Eugene in order to secure the Bohemia ore, or in southern Oregon, where he will be able to secure the ore from this section. He desires a guarantee of 500 tons of ore per day. The opinion was expressed that it would be impossible to secure that amount of ore daily, and the matter was left without final action.

The excursion of the Portland business men to this section was brought up and the club trustees will appoint a committee on arrangements.

At the close of the meeting ice cream and wafers were served.

## Death of Anson DePuy—

Anson DePuy, aged 16 years, died at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. DePuy, at Riverside, Cal., on Wednesday, September 6, of Bright's disease, after a lingering illness. Miss Mary Coe, a sister of Mrs. DePuy, was notified of the lad's serious condition and left immediately for Riverside, but did not arrive until after the lad's death. Miss Coe will remain with her sister for some time.

## BURSTING GUN INJURES THREE PINES CHILDREN

As the result of a peculiar accident at Three Pines Saturday morning, four children of F. C. Farwell, president of the Farwell Construction company, were painfully injured, and one child, a boy, may lose a hand.

The accident was caused by the bursting of the barrel of a shotgun in the hands of one of the children. One child held a rifle in his hand, another one the shotgun. The boy holding the rifle shoved the muzzle into the muzzle of the shotgun. The shotgun was discharged and the barrel burst, scattering shot and metal from the shattered barrel among the children. Two boys and two girls were hurt.

Other children standing near were not injured.

Dr. W. H. Flanagan and Dr. J. C. Smith were summoned from Grants Pass and dressed the wounds of the little victims. The faces and heads of the children escaped injury, except in the case of one boy, where a single shot passed through one ear.

The ages of the children range from 5 to 12 years.

## MEDFORD AND ASHLAND SEEKING COLONISTS

The Medford Tribune has the following:

"Medford and Ashland will probably get together on the matter of maintaining an agency in Portland during the colonist season to divert a just number of the arriving easterners to the Rogue River valley. Medford and Ashland boosters discussed the matter at some length Friday evening and as a result the two towns will probably get together.

"Last spring the Rogue River valley was slighted during the colonist season. Many who have come here were stopped in Portland by the agents of other localities. For this reason it is deemed wise to have an agent in Portland during the colonist season to see that Rogue valley gets a square deal.

"As the expense of maintaining an agent at Portland will be heavy on any one locality it is planned to have the two towns work together. The agent will be instructed to send the colonists to Rogue valley and not to any particular section of it.

"According to railroad forecasts the coming colonist influx will be the heaviest in history. Thousands of easterners are turning their attention to this section of the west and will soon be on their way."

## Prefers Oregon to Mexico—

J. R. Hardy, of Durango, Mexico, recently from Los Angeles, spent Wednesday looking over the country around Grants Pass with James Watson Realty Co. Mr. Hardy is a well educated Englishman and a famous golf player and owns a very beautiful residence in Durango, Mexico. But the recent revolution, which has kept him dodging bullets the last few months, has caused him to come to Oregon to look for a home in the land of peace and plenty.

## SUPPOSED DEAD MAN RETURNS TO GRANTS PASS

A supposed murdered man walked into a Grants Pass home Sunday and surprised his sister-in-law, while her husband, the dead man's brother, was seeking the body in the wilds of the Klamath country. This surprise Sunday happened when A. J. Thompson walked into the home of Edgar L. Thompson. The brother, who was supposed to have been murdered in the Klamath region, was harvesting berries in the hills near Klamath Falls, and on August 13 a report was circulated that he had been killed by some unknown person. Edgar Thompson left Grants Pass for Klamath Falls to search for the body, and has not yet returned. Sunday when A. L. Thompson returned to Grants Pass he had not heard that he was supposed to be dead.

## SURVEYORS AT WORK IN MERLIN DISTRICT

In Grants Pass to lose the Southern Pacific terminal it now profits from to the extent of \$60,000 a year in the form of a payroll? There are men in this city who fear it will, and believe that the company will establish the terminal at Glendale, as was threatened by General Manager O'Brien in a conversation he had with Agent Isham of this city, and printed shortly afterward in The Courier.

It is stated on good authority that the company has taken an option on 16 acres of land at Glendale, presumably for yard purposes. Whether this was done and the fact given out with a purpose to bluff the city council here, or whether the company is acting in earnest no one presumed to know, though one resident of the city this morning stated that matters looked serious for Grants Pass, and that a quiet move was on foot by some of the leading spirits of the town to get action which it is hoped will cause the company to discontinue plans to move the terminal.

The payroll in Grants Pass at present amounts to about \$5,000 a month or \$60,000 a year, and the resident heretofore cited stated that "Grants Pass can not afford to lose this." He said further: "And if the company builds into the Illinois valley from Merlin, as is the threat now, then Grants Pass will lose heavily."

The company is surveying a route from Merlin, the engineer and assistants now being somewhere beyond Love station.

In the meantime the city council waits a reply from Manager O'Brien to the acceptance by the city of the offer of O'Brien to give a way across the tracks for Fourth street. The council, however, still refuses to to the school the sum of \$50,000, freight depot on the site where Fifth street would cross. This refusal on the part of the city the company seems to consider a casus belli.

What form this newest move by interested residents will take, was not stated, but one in the confidence of the plans stated this morning that the matter would materialize within two days.

## TRADE EXCURSIONS TO SOUTHERN OREGON

PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Two important trade excursions have just been mapped out by Portland business men to interior points, which will bring the metropolis into closer touch with the state. The first is to Klamath Falls, where a special train will be run, and the other is to Burns. Each junket will be made up of prominent men, heads of firms in most cases, and will have for its object the bringing about of closer relations through getting better acquainted with the outside territory.

The special train to Klamath Falls will leave Portland September 26, returning September 29. Stops will be made at the following cities: Albany, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Klamath Falls, Eugene and Corvallis. It will be known as the Three-Day Oregon excursion.

The excursionists have arranged to spend several hours at Grants Pass in order that the members of the party will have opportunity of visiting the merchants with whom they are doing business.

The trip to Burns will follow it, the excursionists leaving September 30, going as far as Redmond by rail, where they will take autos for Bend and on to Burns. At the latter place the meeting of the Central Oregon Development league will be held October 2 and 3. The return trip will be made by auto to Prairie City, thence by rail to Baker and back to Portland.

## Miss Smith Goes to Central Point—

Miss Cora Smith of Grants Pass, who had been engaged by the Central Point school board to teach the sixth grade in their schools this year, has been given a position as high school teacher with an advance in salary. Miss Smith is well known in Grants Pass, where she has lived since early childhood. She has taught in the Josephine county schools for a number of years and always given the best of satisfaction. Last year she was principal of the Merlin schools.